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Serial No.: 10/540,307 Group Art No.: Not yet assigned  
Filing Date: June 20, 2005 Examiner: Not yet assigned  
Title: VACUUM PACKAGING MACHINE AND LOADING SYSTEM

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN  
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With reference to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 mailed March 13, 2006 enclosed is a properly signed Declaration and Power of Attorney and a copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371.

Please charge large entity fee of \$130.00 and additional claim fees of \$800.00 to Deposit Account No. 07-1765.

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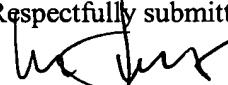
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## NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 06/20/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 06/20/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 06/20/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 06/20/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 06/20/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 06/20/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 06/20/2005

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The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Additional claim fees of **\$800** as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.
- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of **\$130** for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$930** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130** Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$ 800**
  - **\$800** for 54 total claims over 20.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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